

Principle 1: Historic Integrity

Respect the historic integrity of the site. Adopt a particular era in the interpretive reuse of the Trolley Barn complex and maintain evidence of removed or altered fabric.

The Trolley Barn, with its appendages and additions, tells an important story in the cultural, architectural, and urban history of Charleston. Respecting this story should be a top priority in the site's redevelopment.

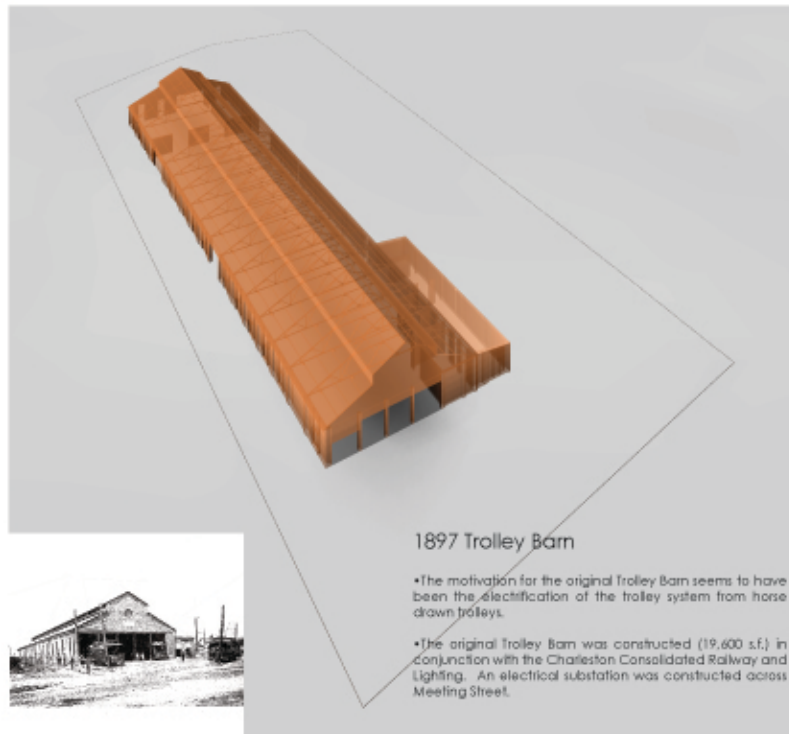
- Because the site will no longer be used as a Trolley facility, the building should be modified under the preservation practice of **"adaptive reuse,"** meaning that essential changes to the historic fabric will be condoned so long as they appropriately **respect the historical fabric.**

- The site as a whole **should be considered from one point in time when deciding which structures will be rehabilitated and which demolished.**

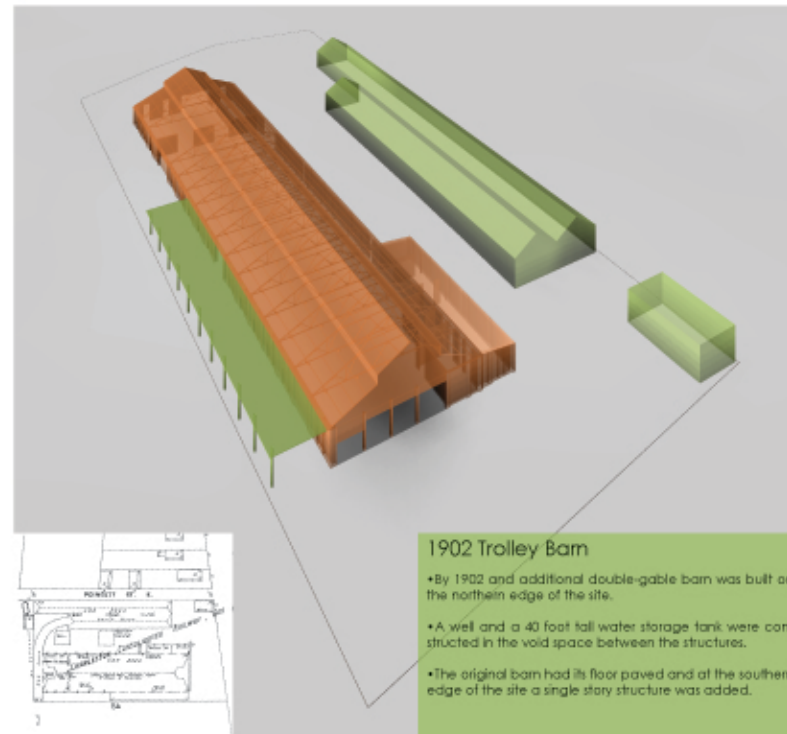
- Because the changing history of the site is as important as any one moment, **evidence of removed or altered fabric should be maintained** in such a way that allows one to reconstruct the story.

- The historic merit of the existing fabric must be balanced against the needs of the adaptive reuse in determining the interpretive era and the preservation, or demolition, of the site.

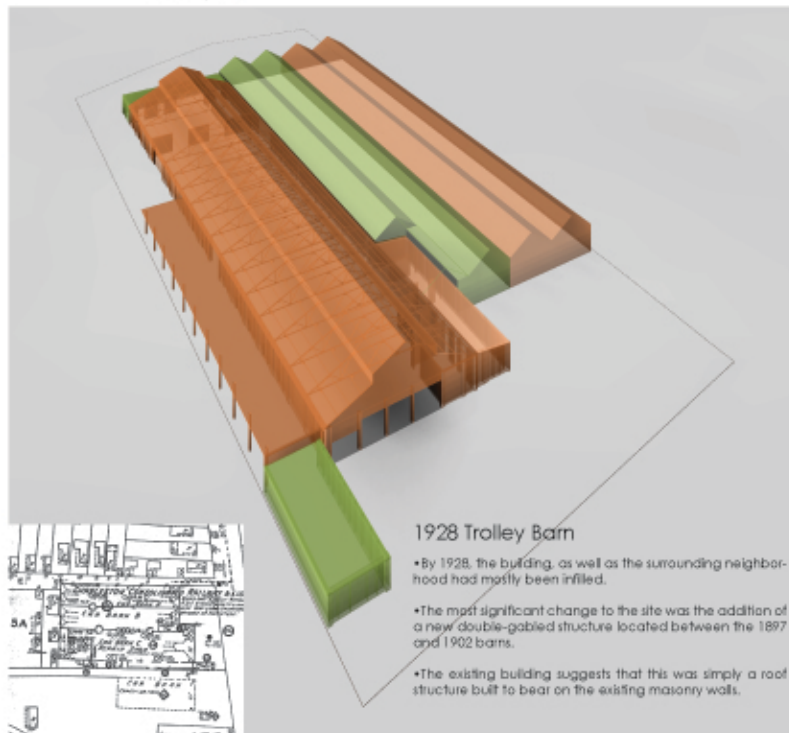
1902 STRATEGY: Interpreting the site to its 1902 era preserves the existing structures of the highest historical merit in their best light, while allowing for contemporary use and economic trade-offs.



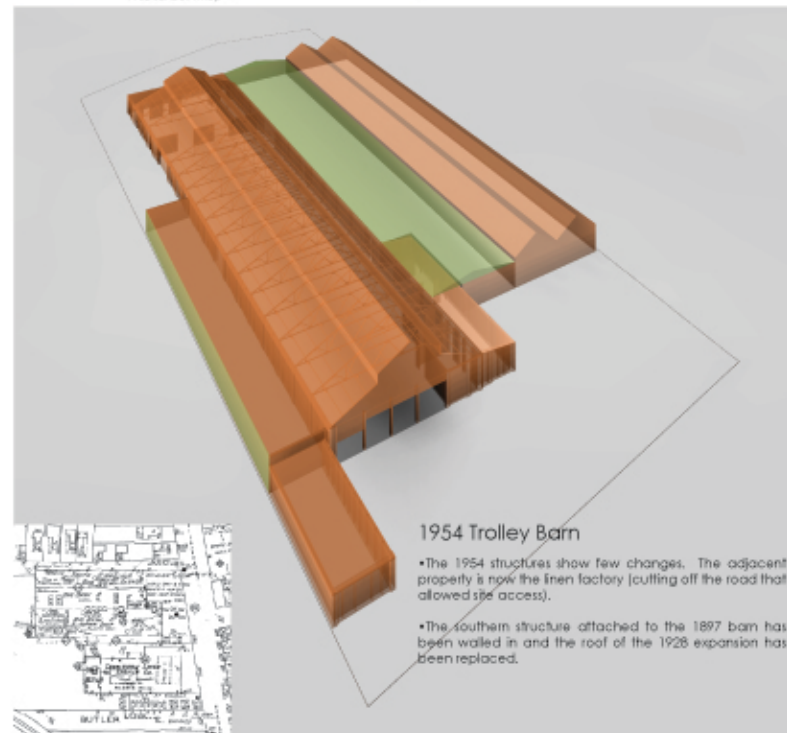
1898 historic photo



1902 Sanborn map



1928 Sanborn map



1954 Sanborn map

Structures current to moment in history
Structures new to moment in history